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Dear Josh:

Many thanks for reading the chapter on "Recombination" and for your interesting comments, including those contained in the portion of the MS which you sent me. I am glad that you are also willing to take a look at the chapter that contains references to the transduction work. Enclosed I am sending you the draft of that chapter and I shall appreciate all critical comments. I am fully aware that an over-all title for this section, such as "infective heredity" or "infective transmission" may be advisable, but I am still somewhat hesitant to use these particular terms, because even fertilization could be regarded as infective heredity. Your recent use of transduction as the major heading, making transformation only a sub-classification, may be the appropriate step. I have hesitated following your example merely from a historical stand-point, which, of course, may be a wrong stand-point.

I hope Madison is a little cooler this July than Frederick. The kind of weather we are having here is certainly not favorable for any sustained mental or physical activities.

Best regards,

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